

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN WORKFORCE

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether woman contribute about three fourth of the work done in the country and that despite progress in equality women are still behind on Job front in all the areas especially for SC/ST people;
- (b) if so, the complete comparative statistics about the total women workforce in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any welfare schemes for the women workers including those belonging to minority and backward classes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent for the purposes during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (e) the roadmap prepared for women`s overall development with a vision for women empowerment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the last survey report, estimated number of women workforce was at 148.98 million as against total work force of 459.10 million in the country, accounting for more than one-third of the total work force.
- (b) As per the last two quinquennial labour force survey reports, annual growth rates of employment for women and men including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities during the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05 were 3.90% and 2.51%, respectively.
- (c) Ministry of Labour & Employment has no proposal to formulate any welfare scheme for the women workers including those belonging to minority and backward classes.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) The vision of the Eleventh Five Year Plan is to end the multifaceted exclusions and discriminations faced by women and children; to ensure that every woman in the country is able to develop to her full potential and share the benefits of economic growth and prosperity. Success will depend on our ability to adopt a participatory approach that empowers women and children and makes them partners in their own development. The roadmap for this has already been laid in the National Policy on Women, 2001.